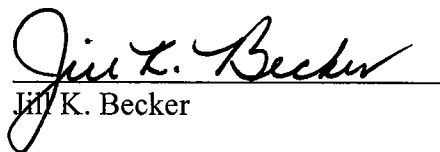


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Response To Office Action

Dear Sir:

This Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed March 16, 2006 for the above-referenced patent application. A Petition and Fee for a one-month extension of time are filed herewith.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

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